

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Supplemental Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed February 9, 2005. In the Office Action, claims 1, 10-14, 17, 20-25 and 27 have been amended. Claim 30 has been cancelled without prejudice. Consideration of the allowability of all of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Double Patenting

The Official Action rejected claims 1-8, 10-16, and 27-28 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. Applicants have elected to file a terminal disclaimer herewith in order to overcome the present rejection. Applicants respectfully request the present rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

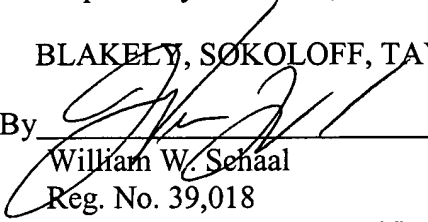
Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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